

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Makoto Noda et al.  
Serial No.: 10/799,893  
Filed : March 10, 2004  
For : ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM  
AND PROGRAM  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/799,893 filed March 10, 2004.

1. [x] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.
2. [x] The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on July 6, 2004 at Reel 015547 Frame 06609.
3. [x] Priority of Application(s) No.(s) P2003-079556 filed on March 24, 2003 in Japan, is claimed under 35 USC 119.

[x] The certified copy in support of the claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 10/799,893 and acknowledgment thereof is requested.

4. [ ] This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.

b. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

X Our check for \$ 1,000.00 calculated as follows:

Basic Filing Fee of \$300 (\$150) .....\$ 300.00

Utility Search Fee of \$500 (\$250).....\$ 500.00

Utility Examination Fee of \$200 (\$100).....\$ 200.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Claims in excess of 20 at \$50(\$25). \$ 0.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Claims in excess of 3 at \$200 (\$100).\$ 0.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Fee of \$360 (\$180) for Mult. Dep. Claim....\$ 0.00

Assignment Recording Fee of \$40 .....\$ 0.00

Total Filing Fee .....\$ 1,000.00

5. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No.03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

6. [x] A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 is enclosed for the filing fee and a check in the amount of \$130 is enclosed for the terminal disclaimer.

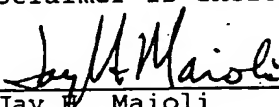
7. [x] Amend claim 1 and cancel claims 2-22.

8. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 10/799,893 filed March 10, 2004.

9. [x] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application identified above is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying

application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.
  - a. [x] The power appears in the prior application.
  - b. [x] Address all future communications to: Jay H. Maioli, Cooper & Dunham, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.
11. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
12. [x] A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed.

  
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